

Application No. 10/602,861

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A vehicle body panel assembly, comprising: an outer skin panel defining an exterior surface of a vehicle and an inner skin panel spaced from said outer skin panel and an one or more energy absorbing body-bodies located between said outer skin panel and said inner skin panel; between said outer skin panel and located such that when the body panel assembly is installed on a vehicle the energy absorbing body-is bodies are aligned with a-one or more hard point points of the vehicle.
2. (currently amended) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein one or more said energy absorbing body-bodies comprises a foam block.
3. (currently amended) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein one or more said energy absorbing body-bodies comprises a hollow block.
4. (original) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein said hollow body comprises a fluid reservoir.
5. (original) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 4 wherein said fluid reservoir comprises a window wiper fluid reservoir.
6. (original) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 4 wherein said fluid reservoir comprises an anti-freeze fluid reservoir.
7. (original) The vehicle body panel assembly of Claim 1 wherein said vehicle body panel comprises a vehicle hood.

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8. (currently amended) A vehicle hood comprising:

An outer skin defining an exterior surface of a vehicle hood;

An inner skin spaced from said outer skin;

A cavity formed between said outer skin and said inner skin; and ~~an~~ one or more energy absorbing ~~body-bodies~~ at least partially received in such cavity, and being located such that when the vehicle hood is installed on a vehicle the one or more energy absorbing bodies are aligned with one or more hard points of the vehicle.

9. (currently amended) The vehicle hood of Claim 8 wherein one or more of said energy absorbing ~~body-bodies~~ comprises a foam block.

10. (currently amended) The vehicle hood of Claim 8 wherein one or more energy absorbing ~~body-bodies~~ comprises a hollow body.

11. (original) The vehicle hood of Claim 10 wherein said hollow comprises a fluid reservoir.

12. (original) The vehicle hood of Claim 11 wherein said fluid reservoir comprises a window wiper fluid reservoir.

13. (original) The vehicle hood of Claim 11 wherein said fluid comprises an anti-freeze fluid reservoir.

14. (original) The vehicle hood of Claim 8 wherein said energy absorbing body comprises a plurality of energy absorbing bodies spaced apart from each other.

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15. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 8 further comprises a plurality of holes spaced into the inner skin panel, to receive energy absorbing bodies and being located above hard points of the vehicle.

16. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 15 wherein one or more of said energy absorbing bodies comprises a foam block.

17. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 15 wherein one or more energy absorbing bodies comprises a hollow body.

18. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 15 wherein said hollow comprises a fluid reservoir.

19. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 15 wherein said fluid reservoir comprises a window wiper fluid reservoir.

20. (new) The vehicle hood of Claim 15 wherein said fluid comprises an anti-freeze fluid reservoir.